

Enclosure of letter from William Thomson (1st Baron Kelvin) to Alexander Graham Bell, August 30, 1877

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Telephone history Thomson (Kelvin) Copy of a letter written to H. Saunders, Esq., Eastern Telegraph Co., 66 Old Broad Street, London. Milford Haven, Aug. 30, 1877. My dear Saunders:

I have no doubt you have been much interested in hearing of the “Vocal telephone” and can well appreciate the essential difference between it and all previous telephones in virtue of which, by acting with a continuously varying current, it is able to give not merely the pitch, but the quality of a musical sound or of the human voice. I am glad to have the opportunity of introducing to you the inventor, Prof. Graham Bell by whom this will be presented as I am sure you will be glad to become acquainted with him and to talk over subjects of common interest with him.

Yours very truly, William Thomson.